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FCC BUDGET OF \$352.5 MILLION PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

Washington, D.C. -- The President has submitted a budget to Congress that proposes fiscal year 2011 funding for the Federal Communications Commission of \$352.5 million.

The requested FY 2011 funding level would include monies to implement the National Broadband Plan; continue to manage the nation's spectrum use; overhaul the Commission's data systems and processes; continue to improve the FCC's operations using improved technology; support the Commission's public safety and cyber-security role; strengthen the Commission's consumer information programs; and enhance the FCC's role as a strong advocate for U.S. interests internationally.

"With the President's proposed budget, the FCC can continue its important work of supporting and enhancing the nation's economic growth by promoting innovation and investment throughout the telecommunications and information technology industries," said Steven VanRoekel, Managing Director of the FCC.

The FY 2011 budget proposal includes these initiatives:

- Continuing the work of the National Broadband Plan and broadband map;
- Implementation of a spectrum inventory initiative and emergency response interoperability center;
- State-of-the-art consumer information programs, seizing the opportunities provided by new media and advanced information technology;
- New investment in the people and technology necessary to overhaul the agency's antiquated systems for data collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination;
- New expertise and new tools required to ensure that the FCC is able to be a model of excellence, openness, and transparency domestically and internationally.

The request would also provide funds to cover mandatory increases in salaries and benefits and inflationary increases for contractual services.

The complete copy of the Commission's FY 2011 budget submission is available on the FCC's Web site at: www.fcc.gov.